

Code is just a mode, like PSK-31 or RTTY. The ability to send code at a high speed is nice, but does not really serve the amateur community other than creating a clic. Element 1 should be dropped immediately, and no other modification to the amateur testing be considered. To draw new operators into the service and encourage people to learn technology the code testing requirement should be removed. Yes, I passed the code test, but I still want to see it go away. Code is just an operating mode and can continue where it is now.

Any changes to the other test elements to enhance the test and make it harder should be applied at license renewal to anyone tested under the old system.

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